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Congressman James M. Hanley (D.-N.Y.) said today that he was pleased with the quick Senate action on H. R. 13008, The Job Evaluation Policy Act of 1970.

The bill was passed by the Senate yesterday. H. R. 13008 previously passed the House on February 16. The Senate offered no amendments to the bill.

H. R. 13008 establishes a unit within the Civil Service Commission which will prepare recommendations for total reform of the position classification systems governing the jobs of almost 3,000,000 Federal civilian employees.

Currently, there are some fifty separate systems, the largest being the General Schedule under the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission. H. R. 13008 includes a statement of policy requiring that the executive branch operate under a coordinated plan to the greatest extent practicable.

Hanley said that the foundation for reform had been laid by the Subcommittee on Position Classification. Hanley is chairman of that Subcommittee. Early in 1969, the Subcommittee published the "Report on Job Evaluation and Ranking in the Federal Government." The recommendations in the report form the foundation of

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the concepts behind H. R. 13008, which was drafted by the Subcommittee.

Hanley said that "The basic concepts underlying Federal position classification systems have not been changed significantly since 1923. The legislation which will be prepared by the Commission in accordance with H. R. 13008 will, hopefully, provide the major reforms which our report proved were sorely needed. I commend the Senate for its quick action in this important issue."

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